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Serial Nos. 1—7

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SUBJECT.

Observation of passengers coming from the infected areas.

J. V. Ramaswamy Iyengar.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,
(REVENUE AND GENERAL DEPARTMENTS).

(Full Office Note.)

‡ **Subject.**

Letter No.38 dated the 5th September 1902 from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, in re Observation Notices.

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* **Note.**

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To the question put by the Sub-Asstt. surgeon of Tumkur as to whether the insptn. of Ry. passengers had still to be continued at the stations of Tumkur, Gubbi and ~~Tumkur~~ Tiptur and the passengers granted observation notices and observed for 10days the Senior Surgeon replied in the negative.

S-h. 2

2 Later on the Dy. Commr., Tumkur, forwarded copies of the above to the late Plague Commr. and obser-ved that since the above order of the Senior Surgeon the attendance of Hospt. Asstts. at the stations named above had been dispensed with but that without specific orders from the Plague Commr. the practice of issuing observation notices could not be similarly treated and applied to him for instructions as to how far the orders of the Senior Surgeon should be acted upon.

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3 In reply the Dy. Commr. was asked to report whether observation notices were still issued to pas-sengers arriving at Tumkur, Gubbi & Tiptur stations if so how and by whom and whether the services of the Hospital

‡ 1. No. and date of latest letter or paper.
2. Catch words to show nature of subject.
3. Subject to be in red and body of note in black ink.

* 1. Statement of case in narrative form in regular sequence of subject matter or date.
2. Opinions to be stated only as supported by precedents, or general rules which should always be quoted.
3. Serial numbers in file, &c., to be always stated.
4. Dates of important documents referred should be given.
5. Write on both sides, leaving the same side as margin.

Hospital Asstts. were not required for the purpose and to give his own opinion as to whether it was necessary to issue observation notices and if so how the arrivals were dealt with as regards such notices.

4 The Dy. Commr. replied that observation notices were being served on passengers from infected areas arriving at all the Ry. Stations in his distt by constables deputed for t the purpose as per Plague(late) Commr's. circular No.64-13-24 dated 26-1-98 (vide p. 214 of the Compi lation put up) that Hospital Asstts. used to attend to such work more for the sake of detecting plague patients than for issuing observation notices but that since the plague symptoms could be detected by any layman, the attendance of medical men was considered unnecessaryand their services were accordingly dispensed with . As for observation notices, the Dy. Commr. observed that such a system was at the root of all plague operations and should be continued. S. No 4

For the service of obseravtion notices on arrivals by road, the Dy. Commr. said he relied on the terms of Regn. 3A published under Notfn. 9383-Mis F.21-96 dated 10th Feby. 1898

5 In reply the Dy. Commr was informed that he might make any arrangements for the prevention of plague provided that such arrangements did not entail extra cost to Govt. S. No 5

6 On the 23rd August 1900 the late P. Commr. issued a circular to the effect that Dy. Commrs. of distts should arrange to have the names and address of all arrivals from the Mysore city, where plague prevailed in an epidemic form, either by rail or road noted by the police at the Ry. stns. or in the police stations in the vicinity of the place of ~~des~~ destination S. No 6

destination and have all such arrivalsobserved ~~in~~ in their homes for 10 days by the local Hosptl. Assts or patels of villages, ~~and~~ that such arrivals need not be ordered to report themselves to Hospt. Asstts or any other officers and that it ~~would~~ would suffice if they ~~are~~ were observed at their place of residence.

S.7 7 This circular was subsequently cancelled on the representation that it could not be given effect to.

S.M.10 8 In the letter cited above the Dy. Commr., Tumkur, after narrating the above circumstances observes that the system of serving observation notices on passengers arriving from infected areas has been relaxed everywhere and that no such notices are now being issued anywhere in the State ~~under~~ & that under Govt. Pro. S.M.1 No.1874 dated 27th June 1899 compulsory segregation of contacts and patients has been abolished and under such circumstances requests definite instructions on matters relating to observation of passengers arriving from infected places and their segregation.

P.M.10) 9 The Senior Surgeon to whom the matter was referred for opinion says that it is no good laying down rules for one district only and that a definite policy for combating plague should be drawn up and made applicable to all districts alike.

10 Draft to the Senior Surgeon is put up for approval or other orders requesting him to frame and submit a set of general rules on the subject that he may consider advisable in consultation with Dy. Commrs. of Districts.

Subd to 2nd Councillor
8/10/1902

4/10/02
To the Dewan through the 2nd Councillor

9/10 A meeting is necessary to be held here (Mysore) for the discussion of plague measures.

after the arrival of the Hon'ble Surgeon and the Dy Secretary of Calcutta and Bangalore. Please ask the Camp Office to forward me after tomorrow as the days file - Incl will remain here for a few days - C

10/10/02

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Resubmitted as directed.

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12/10/02

Let this be sent with the orders are issued on the several questions dealt with at the Conference held yesterday which will soon be placed before Govt - C

14/10/02

14/10/02

Bring up with draft of Import Rules, please

29/10

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SECTION Sanr

FILE No. 47 - 99

SERIAL No. 1

FROM The Deputy Commissioner

To Junkun District.

The Plague Commissioner in Mysore

Dated 17th March 1900.

Despatched

Received

General No. 423 9000

No. 19

Enclosure No.

Has the honor to forward herewith for his information copy of letter no. 667 from the Sub Assistant Surgeon, Junkun and the order of the Senior Surgeon there directing the abolition of the examination of passengers at the Railway Stations in the District and the issue to them of Observation Notices. Since then, the attendance of —

Put up after the reply to the above has been received from the Inspecting Officer whether the inspection of passengers and distribution of Observation Notices should be discontinued.

19/3/900

Hospital Assistants at the Stations was
been dispensed with saving thereby the Plague
allowance that is being granted them. But
the issue of Observation notices should be
dispensed with without specific orders from
the Plague Commissioner. Regret to therefore
to be informed how far the instructions of
the Senior Surgeon are to be acted upon.

W. Chalmers

for Deputy Commissioner.

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FROM
The Sub Assistant Surgeon
Dumkur District

To
The Senior Surgeon and
Sanitary Commissioner with the
Government of Mysore

Dated
Despatched 4th March 1900

Received

General No. 667.
No.

Enclosure No.

Senior Surgeon's Office
Bangalore
Date 6th March 1900
No. 1001/B.

No.

Intd. P.H.B.

Jhn S.
Senior Surgeon & Sanry Comr
with the Govt of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will kindly let me know whether the inspection of Railway passengers has still to be continued at the Station of Dumkur Gubbi, and if plan or not, and whether the passengers should be granted observation notices and detained for 10 days.

I have &c
SD. B. Vencata Rao
Sub Assist Surgeon

'C/S/S'

Recommended
for favourable

(General Serial No. 30.) (3) L.

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From

To

The D.H.Surgeon
Tumkur District

SECTION San

FILE No. 47 - 99

SERIAL No. 2

Dated 19.3.00

Despatched

Received ✓

General No. 7106 } 189

No.

Enclosures Number.

H.S. No 423 & 17th March 1900.

Adverting to the above
have the honor to request
the D.H.Surgeon will be good
enough to report whether
observation notices are
still being issued to
passengers ~~at~~ arriving at
Tumkur, Gubbi & Tipton Stations
& if so, by whose & whether
the services of the Hospital
Assts are now required
for the purpose - The D.H.Surgeon
is also requested to give his own
opinion as to whether it is necessary
to issue observation notices & if so

Central Jail Press, Bangalore —19-9-99.— 1,752.

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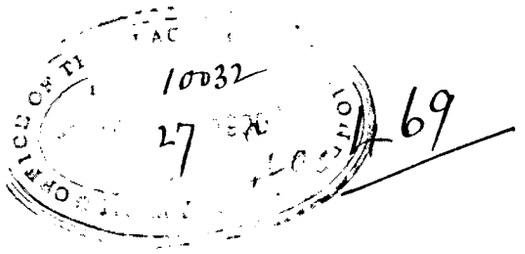
Home Tuc arrivals by road
are dealt with as regards such
notices.

19/3/1900
Food Comm

Junkur District,
Deputy Commissioner's Offi
Dated 23d April 1900



SECTION Sau
FILE No. 47-99
ITEM No. 3

To

The Plague Commissioner
in Mysore,

Sir,

With reference to your no 7101 dated 19th March 1900, I have the honor to state that Observation notices are still issued to passengers from infected areas arriving at all the Railway Stations in this District by the Constables deputed for duty at those stations in accordance with Circular of the Plague Commissioner no 64-13-24 dated 26th January 1898. Hospital Assistants used to attend to this work at Junkur Gubbi, and Tiptur. Their attendance

was required not so much for the issuing of Observation notices as for the detection of plague patients, but as plague has become now a well-known disease and its symptoms can be easily detected by any layman, the attendance of a medical man is considered unnecessary and has been accordingly dispensed with.

2. As to the question whether it is necessary to issue Observation notices, I am of opinion that there should be some check upon persons coming from infected areas. The System of Observation is at the root of all Plague Operations and should, I think, continue to be in force so long as the disease prevails in any part of the Country. It is true that the System has not entirely prevented the importation of the disease from one place to another, but it

refer put up
28/4/00

say that the Govt may make any arrangements for the prevention of plague that he may consider necessary without [illegible]
28/4

must be admitted that it has greatly checked the Spread of the disease.—
From the Course the disease has taken during the last 2 years it may be predicted that in Spite of all precautions, there will hardly be any place left that will not be visited by the disease. But if the Observation System is in force, its progress will be slow and the Authorities will be afforded every facility to grapple with it effectively. During the year 1898–99 only one place of importance, viz, Tumkur became infected, and the other important places Such as Gubbi Tiptur, Maddagiri and Koratagere which are only at a short distance from Tumkur remained free. This immunity was due to the Observation System which enabled the Authorities to promptly detect imported cases of plague and deal with them effectively. In the Town of Gubbi there were 6 imported cases, in the Town of Tiptur 1 imported case,

in the Town of Maddagiri 2 cases
and in the Town of Kortagere 5 cases.
But for this System and the System
of Exclusion of arrivals from infected
areas voluntarily adopted by the
villagers in some instances, these cases
would not have been detected and
the disease would surely have taken
root in those places. The disease
then would have become general
throughout the District and much
difficulty would have been experienced
in carrying on the Plague Operations.
Further, a Spread of this kind
would have paralysed all trade and
would have affected the prosperity
of the District as a whole. The
advantage of the System lies, as I
have stated above, in checking the
Spread of the disease and I am of
opinion that it should be in force
in some form or other.

3. As to the question how arrivals

by road are to be served with Observation notices, I beg to state that under the terms of the Circular of the Plague Commissioner - dated the 7th February 1898, the Patel is bound to give information of all arrivals from infected areas to the nearest Police Station and the same duty is imposed upon him under the terms of Regulation 3A published under Government Notification no 9383 dated 10th February 1898. mis F 21-96

The Station House Officer may issue the Observation notice, or the Patel, himself may be authorized to do the work where he is literate. Of Course, there will be instances in which the Observation would be evaded, but to bring such instances to as small a compass as possible, the several Police Stations round an infected area may be constituted into Frontier Inspection

Stations and the Police there authorized to issue Observation Notices. There will be no difficulty to introduce this System as every road leading to an important place has a Police Station at some distance from that place. For example, to issue Observation Notices to persons going from Tumkur, the Beladhara Station on the Tumkur Maddagiri road, the Melahal or Jogihulli Station on the Sira road, the Kyathasandra Station on the Tumkur Bangalore road, and the Hebbur Station on the Tumkur-Kunigal Road may be Constituted into Frontier Inspection Stations. Under these arrangements the work will, I am sure, be carried out with more efficiency and less trouble to the people than if a Separate Establishment were entertained for the purpose.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
W. Murphy
for Deputy Commissioner

1899-1900

From

THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

To

The Dy Comr
Tumkur

Dated 28. 4. 1900

Despatched

Received

General No. 7750

No.

Enclosure No.

SECTION San

FILE No. 47-99

SERIAL No. 4

With reference to
his letter No. 469
of 23d instant, has
the honour to state that
the Dy Comr may
make any arrangement
for the prevention of Plague
that he may consider
necessary provided
they do not entail
any extra cost to the
Govt.

28/4/900
for Pl: Comr

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Office of the Plague Commissioner
in Mysore

Dated Bangalore 23rd August 1900

No 596-603

FILE No. 47-99

Circular 5

As plague is prevailing in an Epidemic form in the Mysore City, the Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to have the names and addresses of all arrivals from the Mysore City either by rail or road noted by the Police at the Railway Stations or in Police Stations in the vicinity of the place of destination and have all such arrivals observed in their own homes for 10 days by the local Hospital Assistants or Patels of Villages.

Such arrivals need not be ordered to report themselves to Hospital Assistants or to any other Officers and it will suffice if they are observed at their place of residence

H. Ramaiah

Sr. Plague Commissioner
in Mysore

E.V.

To

The Deputy Commissioners
of Districts

1900

SECTION Gen

FILE No. 44-1900

SERIAL No. 6

From

THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

To The Dy Commrs of
Districts

Dated 9-12-1900

Despatched

Received

General No. 2512-19

No. Circular

Enclosure No.

As it is represented that the
instructions conveyed in the ~~—~~ Plague Commr's Circular No. 596 603 dated 23rd August 1900 regarding observation in their own houses for 10 days by the local Hospital assistants or Patels of Villages, of arrivals ~~—~~ from the Mysore City cannot be properly given effect to, the Circular ~~at these houses~~, is hereby cancelled and

The Dy Commrs of

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Districts are requested to adopt the same measures regarding the observation of arrivals from infected areas, as are provided for in the Plague Regulations.

9/12/1900.

for P. C.

Pgdy no: 129
15.9.02

Regd. No. 2685
10 SEP 1902
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FROM
The Asst Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur Distt.

To
The Asst Secy: to the Govt
Surgeon in charge of
the Local Boards Branch
Bangalore
Sept 1902

Forwarded to the Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Commr in Mysore for favour of opinion.

SECTION Surgeon in charge of
FILE No. 47-99
Dated 5th
SERIAL No. 7
Despatched
Received
General No. 38
No.
Enclosures No.

Requesting the favour of definite instruction on matters relating to the Observation of passengers arriving from infected places & their segregation.

— 11 —

Referred with minute.
10/9/02

Put up
11/9/02

12/9/1902
for Secretary

Govt have formed laying down rules for one district only. A definite policy for the whole State should be drawn up. Made application to all districts alike.

23.9.1902

Submitted for orders
27/9/02 29/9/1902
with draft requesting the Sr Surgn to ~~consider~~ ~~and submit~~ frame & submit any general rules that he may consider advisable after consulting
29/9 Dy Secy

17.

Tumkur District

Deputy Commissioner's Office

Dated 5th September 1902

To,

The Assistant Secretary to the
Government of Mysore in charge
of the Local Boards Branch,
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to state that with reference to this Office No. 423 dated 17th March 1900 addressed to the Plague Commissioner in Mysore forwarding copy of letter No. 667 dated 4th March 1900 from the Sub Assistant Surgeon, Tumkur District, and the order of the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of Mysore thereon directing the abolition of the examination of passengers at the Railway Stations in the District and the issue of Observation notices to them; and requesting to be informed how far the instructions of the Senior Surgeon were to be acted upon in the absence of specific orders from the Plague Commissioner on the Subject, &c.

Plague Commissioner's docket No 7750 dated 28th April 1900 was received issuing instructions to the effect that the Deputy Commissioner might make any arrangements for the prevention of Plague that might be considered necessary provided that they did not entail any extra cost to Government.

2., After the general reductions throughout the Province in the Plague Establishments during the month of April 1900, the Plague Commissioner in Mysore in his Circular No 596-603 dated 23rd August 1900 issued instructions relaxing the rules regarding Observation of persons coming from infected areas; and on a reconsideration of representations made to him regarding his above-quoted Circular, he issued Circular No 2512-19 dated 9th December 1900 cancelling the said circular and instructing us to adopt the same measures regarding the observation of arrivals from infected areas as are provided for in the Plague Regulations.

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3. I beg to state that the system of Serving Observation Notices on passengers arriving from infected areas has been relaxed everywhere and no such notices are now being issued anywhere in the Province. Under the Proceedings of Government No. 1874 dated 27th June 1899 Compulsory Segregation of Contacts and patients has been abolished.

4. In these circumstances, I request the favor of definite instructions on matters relating to the Observation of passengers arriving from infected places, and their segregation.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

[Krishna Rao]

for Dr. of H. Deputy Commissioner
Trichinopoly